



FRANCE

The Embassy is eager to promote a comprehensive approach to France, where culture and education are closely linked. To achieve this goal, the French government has supported a number of programs for years in favor of teachers and students. More recently, the Embassy has developed General Agreements with five U.S. states, in which efforts are joined to attract more students towards French and to exchange the best parts of the French and U.S. educational systems.

1. Programs for Teachers

- Training Courses, SPCD (stages pédagogiques de courte durée) – These grants give teachers the opportunity to spend 3 weeks in France to improve their French while discovering the country.
- Teaching Resources – The Embassy provides teachers with distance learning resources (Internet), books, CD-ROMs, or educational programs on the French channel TV5.
- Visiting Teachers – Each year, the French government sends instructors to teach French in American schools. By doing so, it not only aims at meeting educational needs but also seeks to exchange information about respective experiences of teaching.
- Partner Schools – The Embassy helps teachers match their schools with schools in France.

2. Programs for Students

- Teaching Assistant Program – 1500 teaching assistantship positions are offered every year in French primary and secondary schools for U.S. citizens under 30 years of age who are graduates or undergraduates majoring or minoring in French. Assistants teach English conversation classes 12 hours a week for a monthly stipend of 890 euros.
- Internships in France – A unique opportunity for undergraduates and graduates to spend 3 months in France within a vast array of sectors, both private and public, ranging from cultural to scientific.
- Chateaubriand Scholarships – The French Government awards about 20 scholarships a year to U.S. Ph.D. candidates who wish to conduct research in France. The field of study at a French research institution may be in any discipline in the humanities.
- Youth and Sports Grants – Every year, 50 students spend ten days in places as varied as Festival d'Avignon, Mont Blanc, Festival de Cannes or in more than ten different areas in France.

For additional information, see www.frenchculture.org

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